

MEMORANDUM # 1-87

Significant and Insignificant Revisions (issued 1/14/87, updated 10/1/01)

The following criteria will be used to determine whether a revision application should be classified as significant or insignificant (§4 VAC 25-130-774.13).

<u>Significant Revision</u>		<u>Minor (Insignificant) Revision</u>
1. Change to issue that was subject to public controversy or citizen/agency objections		Post mining land use changes that do not involve industrialization/commercialization (of areas not previously approved for such).
2. Potential for adverse impacts upon individuals or their rights		Change in ownership where name and address of the permittee does not change.
3. Change from non-industrial/commercial to industrial/commercial land use.		Deletion of undisturbed areas
4. Increase in area above PMU where buildings/renewable resources may be adversely impacted		Change in coal removal method provided no additional adverse impacts will occur.
5. Addition of permanent coal processing facility or washing facility (with NPDES discharge(s)) where none approved in original permit.		Expanding/increasing coal amt. Removed from seams or locations within permit provided adverse environmental impacts do not increase in magnitude or in time.
6. Addition of coal processing waste disposal area (other than insignificant amounts)		Redesign/relocation of drainage control structures – applicant shows perennial streams won't be affected.
7. Changes that could impact surface/ground water quality/quantity. Changes in findings of PHC or CHIA		Change in mining cut/sequence
8. Change from surface to underground mining operations, from room & pillar to longwall, or addition of underground entries to surface operation		Revisions to comply with remining regulations by using all available materials for partial highwall backfilling
9. Changes to operations/reclamation plans that may have adverse impacts not considered in original permit approval.		Addition of an entry/ventilation shaft to underground mine, provided no additional adverse impacts will result.
10. Retention of impoundment as permanent.		
11. Diverting perennial stream(s), unless can demonstrate no significant impact upon PHC or		

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fish/wildlife.		
12. Addition of NPDES discharge point(s) if significant to PHC (requires public participation under Clean Water Act).		